## **REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 5 have been canceled. Claim 4 has been amended to overcome the objection set forth by the Examiner.

In view of these remarks, the application should now be in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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